

Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana, Monastery & Church  
Mission Road  
Los Angeles  
Los Angeles County  
California

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MISSION SAN FERNANDO, REY DE ESPAÑA  
San Fernando Mission Road  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
California

Owner: Roman Catholic Church.

Date of Erection: About 1810-22.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two. ONE

Materials of Construction: Adobe; some brick.

Other Existing Records: See text.<sup>1</sup>

Additional Data: See following pages.

Sketches by Henry Chapman Ford; early photos from  
Grant Jackson Collection, Southwest Museum, Los Angeles.

<sup>1</sup> Also see the following references:

Newcomb, R., The Old Mission Churches & Historic Houses  
of California, 199.

James, G.W., In and Out of the Old Missions of California,  
245.

Elder, P., The Old Spanish Missionsof California, 64.

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California, plate 34.

Hallenbeck, C., Spanish Missions of the Old Southwest, 75.

MISSION SAN FERNANDO REY DE ESPAÑA,  
Mission Road near City Park,  
Fernando, California.  
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The monastery of Mission San Fernando was built by the Mission Fathers about the same time as the present church, which is in ruins - that is, about 1810-1822.\*

This building contained living quarters of the padres, factory, winery, etc. Here the Indians were trained to work and to worship.

Governor Alvarado, on his march to Los Angeles in 1837, occupied the mission - and here in 1841 the first California gold was discovered by Francisco Lopez, Majordomo of the Mission. \*\*

Restoration of the monastery was made in 1916 by the Landmarks Club, financed by the proceeds of a Candle Day celebration. \*\*\*

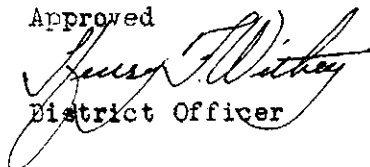
The present owner is the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego.

\* Date from Zephyrin Englehardt's "San Fernando Rey" 1927, p. 22-24.

\*\* George Wharton James "In and Out of the Old Missions" 1927 p. 245-251.

\*\*\* Rexford Newcomb "The Old Mission Churches and Historic Houses of Southern California" 1925 p. 207.

Approved

  
District Officer

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